

REMARKS


By the above amendments, claim 1 and the abstract have been amended, and claim 2 has been canceled. It is noted that generally the amendments to the claims and abstract delete the parenthetical expressions.

Examination of the application and favorable action thereof is respectfully requested.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims and abstract by the current Preliminary Amendment. This marked-up version is on the attached pages, the first page of which is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE".

To the extent necessary, applicant's petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (500.37453CX4) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (amended) A recording apparatus for recording one or more still pictures (~~VOB~~) and still picture group management information (~~VOBGI~~) for managing said one or more still pictures (~~VOB~~) as a still picture group (~~VOBG~~) onto a storage medium, said apparatus comprising:

a memory storing said still picture group management information (~~VOBGI~~);

Q' means for recording said still picture group management information (~~VOBGI~~) stored in said memory to said storage medium;

means, when the still picture (~~VOB~~) is recorded, if there is no original audio recorded substantially at the same time said still picture was recorded, for selecting first still picture management information (~~V_I~~) on said still picture with no audio to be reproduced in synchronism with the reproduction of the still picture, and if there is an original audio recorded substantially at the same time said still picture was recorded, selecting second still picture management information (~~V_OA_I~~) on said still picture with only the original audio recorded at the same time the still picture was recorded, and recording said first or second still picture management information in said still picture group management information (~~VOBGI~~) in the same order of recording corresponding still pictures;

means for, when a post-recorded audio to be reproduced in synchronism with the reproduction of the still picture is recorded to the still picture already recorded in the storage medium, if said still picture already recorded has no original audio, replacing said first still picture management information (~~V_I~~) with third still picture management information (~~V_AA_I~~) on a still picture with only the post-recorded audio added to the still picture already recorded, and if said still picture already recorded has the original audio, replacing said second still picture management information (~~V_OA_I~~) by fourth still picture management information (~~V_OA_AA_I~~) on

Q' a still picture with both of the original audio and a post-recorded audio added to the still picture already recorded.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Q² A recording apparatus for recording one or more still pictures (~~VOB~~) and still picture group management information (~~VOBGI~~) for managing the one or more still pictures (~~VOB~~) as a still picture group (~~VOBG~~) onto a storage medium and a storage medium therefor. A memory is provided which stores the still picture group management information (~~VOBGI~~). Apparatus is provided which records the still picture group management information (~~VOBGI~~) stored in the memory to the storage. When the still picture (~~VOB~~) is recorded, apparatus is provided which selects first still picture management information (~~V_I~~) or selects second still picture management information (~~V_OA_I~~) in accordance with audio, and apparatus which records the first or second still picture management information in the still picture group management information (~~VOBGI~~) in the same order of recording corresponding still pictures.
